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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

AKIHIRO YAMAGISHI

: ATTN: BOX SEQUENCE

SERIAL NO. : 09/897,107

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1645

FOR: METHOD FOR IMPROVING :
THERMOSTABILITY OF PROTEINS,
PROTEINS HAVING :
THERMOSTABILITY IMPROVED BY
THE METHOD AND NUCLEIC :
ACIDS ENCODING THE PROTEINS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Communication dated August 22, 2001, Applicants submit herewith a substitute Sequence Listing and corresponding computer-readable Sequence Listing. Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Pages 30-73, please delete the original Sequence Listing without prejudice.